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THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI : We have to get the data from the hydro-metric surveys and only after that, the priority will have to be fixed.

Tamil as State language.

* 2871 *Q.*—SRI K. VINAYAKAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government are contemplating to make Tamil the State language for administrative purposes; and

(*b*) if so, what steps are being taken to adopt Tamil as State language?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) There is no such proposal under consideration at present.

(*b*) Does not arise.

Tamil medium in colleges.

* 2872 *Q.*—SRI K. VINAYAKAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Education Minister has convened a conference of officials of Educational Institutions and Universities and other non-officials to consider the question of adoption of Tamil as medium of instruction in schools and colleges;

(*b*) the findings and the recommendations of that conference;

(*c*) whether the Government propose to implement the recommendations of the conference; and

(*d*) whether any of the Members of the Legislature were invited to take part in that conference?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) It was generally agreed at the conference that active steps should be taken towards introducing the regional language as the medium of instruction in the colleges.

(*c*) Steps have been taken to implement the recommendations of the Conference.

(*d*) Some members of the Legislature interested in the question were invited to participate in the Conference.

* 2873 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether the Government have appointed recently a Committee to codify scientific and technical terms in regional languages?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : The Government have appointed a Committee to consider the steps to be taken in the matter of introducing the regional language as the medium of instruction in colleges. The same Committee has been requested